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The history and objectives of the state library commission are briefly reviewed and the current Mississippi library system is described. A yearly budget summary and data on bookmobile expenditures, equipment purchases, and construction projects are included. Tables present the allocations of state funds for library construction, personnel grants for upgrading library staffs, special service grants, and per capita grants for multi-county libraries. Projects listed for 1974-1975 include a summer reading program for children, a library intern program, 18 in-service training workshops for library personnel, and preparation of the Mississippi Union List of Periodicals. (KB)

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To His Excellency William Lowe Waller, *Governor of Mississippi*, and

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE of the *State of Mississippi*

We are pleased to present the annual report of the Mississippi Library Commission prepared by the Director covering the period July 1, 1974, through June 30, 1975. This is done in compliance with Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith Hederman

The Board of Commissioners

Mrs. Robert M. Hederman, Jr.,
Chairman

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MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION
Jackson, Mississippi

The Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi Library Commission as of June 30, 1975

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Stanley F. Gaines, Jr., Trustee, Bolivar County Library, Cleveland

Mrs. Robert Powers, President,
Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Greenwood

Mrs. Gordon White, Trustee, Meridian Public Library, Bailey

Mrs. Robert M. Hederman, Chairman, Jackson

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

The Mississippi Library Commission was established by an Act of the Mississippi Legislature in 1926. At that time the Commission proposed "to work to the end that a free county library for all of the people of the county be established in every county of the state." The first report of the fledgling state agency, issued in 1927, listed ten counties in which the boards of supervisors and municipal libraries were cooperating. In 1975, after forty-nine years of unremitting effort, there are eighty-two counties in which the boards of supervisors and/or municipal officers are supporting, in varying degrees, municipal, county, or regional libraries, which means that public library service is now available in every county in the state.

Statutory authority and outline of role and scope which generally encompasses the duties and responsibilities of the agency

Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code, 1972, states that the Library Commission has the responsibility of expending any funds coming into its custody for the "purpose of establishing, stimulating, increasing, improving, and equalizing library service in the various counties within the state under such rules....as may be fixed by the Mississippi Library Commission."

Additionally, this agency has, under the same law, the responsibility for library service to State institutions and provides library service to the blind and physically handicapped.

Briefly this agency:

1. Gives advice and concrete help to public libraries and to communities proposing to establish libraries.
2. Campaigns for and helps organize local libraries.
3. Advises public library boards of trustees in their duties and responsibilities.
4. Promotes cooperation among all types of libraries.
5. Offers professional development workshops and seminars for librarians.
6. Purchases, catalogs, and prepares books for use in various public libraries and institutions and for the agency itself.
7. Provides service for blind and handicapped.
8. Gives direct library service to people without public libraries and to state employees for job-related purposes.
9. Works with state institutions in providing library service to their residents.

10. Administers federal funds for public library construction and to improve public library services.

11. Administers state aid to local libraries.

12. Obtains from public libraries reports showing conditions, growth and development.

13. Reports annually to the legislature on activities.

In carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Library Commission as outlined we are presenting this annual report for Fiscal 1975, which summarizes the activities of the agency as reported by its various divisions.

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED

The following reflects those funds received and expended during the fiscal period July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975:

From the State Legislature	$ 1,565,518
From the Library Services and Construction Act (Federal)	649,390*
From State Revenue Sharing for Construction of Public Library Buildings	427,725**
Total	$ 2,642,633

*Of this amount:

Title I for LIBRARY SERVICES	$ 604,230
Title III for INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION	45,160

**Appropriated for State Revenue Sharing for construction was $ 3,000,000
Amount shown ($427,725) was actually expended during the fiscal year and the difference was reappropriated for on-going construction projects in Fiscal 1976.

Total funds received from all sources and for all purposes during the period July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975 $ 5,642,633

1975 - A Brief Summary

STATE REVENUE SHARING FUNDS - The allocation of State Revenue Sharing funds for public library construction and the planning and supervision of construction was the number one priority for MLC in Fiscal 1975. Included in the Library Commission's functions in this aspect of our work is guidance in selecting appropriate building sites, planning the interior of the building for effective functioning and later assistance in purchasing suitable furnishings and equipment, not to mention the all-important matter of finding qualified library personnel. Details of these activities are found in the Library Development Division report.

STAFF IMPROVEMENT - STATE AGENCY - In mid year the Board of Commissioners authorized the creation of a new assistant directorship - Assistant Director for Administration - with responsibilities to include management of Federally funded programs. Two new clerical positions were added and the Classification Commission approved the regrouping of positions classified as Librarian I - V and Library Consultant II and III.

SELF STUDY/EVALUATION - The Information Services Department of the Library Commission conducted a self study/evaluation of its staff, methods and effectiveness. The findings of the study bring into focus the factors which inhibit information dispersal. Specific recommendations are made for the more efficient operation of the department.

COMPLETION OF STATEWIDE SURVEY - The consultant who was employed in Fiscal Year 1974 to conduct a statewide evaluation of Mississippi's library needs completed this survey in June 1975. The report of the survey is entitled Better Library Service for Mississippi. The conclusions and recommendations it contains are expected to form the basis for further improvement of library services at local, regional and state levels.

PERSONNEL - On June 30, 1975, the following named persons comprised the staff of the Mississippi Library Commission:

Director - Miss Mary Love

Administration	
Mrs. Vera Bearden	Purchasing Agent 1
Daphne Brewer	Accountant 2
Mrs. Jackie Cox	Secretary 3
Mrs. Karen Goode	Secretary 4
Mrs. Becky Houston	Clerk 2
Mrs. Katie Ingram	Clerk 3
Mrs. Elizabeth Long	Administrative Assistant 2
Mrs. Mary McCraney	Secretary 4
Robert Mark Merkle	Duplicating Equipment Operator 2
Mrs. Agnes Middleton	Accounting Clerk 3
Jack C. Mulkey	Assistant Director
Phillis A. Tarter	Public Relations Representative 1
Library Operations	
Gerald Buchanan	Assistant Director
Information Services	
Mrs. Marjorie C. Bell	Librarian 2
W. C. Blackwell	Clerk 1
Mrs. Florence Breckenridge	Librarian 2
Barbara Carroon	Librarian 3
Mrs. Martha Chunn	Clerk-Typist 2
Mrs. Linell Corban	Librarian
Mrs. Linda Gammon	Clerk 2

Information Services (continued)	
Mrs. Jacqueline C. Payne	Clerk 4
Mrs. Barbara Smith	Librarian 2
Nancy K. Williams	Librarian 3
Resources Development	
Mrs. Carrie C. Harris	Clerk 5
Mrs. Betty Knott	Clerk 1
Sara Tubb	Librarian 4
Service to the Blind & Physically Handicapped	
Mrs. Zelda Davis	Librarian 4
Betty Butler	Clerk 2
Mrs. Bonnie Gross	Clerk-Typist 2
Mrs. Julie Hutson	Clerk 1
Mrs. Carol McDuffie	Clerk 5
Mrs. Birgitta M. Richards	Clerk 2
Mrs. Marcella Thompson	Clerk 1
Donald V. Vance	Clerk 2
Mrs. Esther Vaughn	Library Consultant 2
Technical Services	
Mrs. Cathy Albright	Clerk-Typist 3
John F. Branson	Duplicating Equipment Operator 2
Mrs. Linda Conerly	Clerk 3
Myrtis V. Foster	Librarian 3
Mrs. Sharon D. Harris	Clerk-Typist 2
Geraldine W. Harrison	Librarian 3
Mrs. Orlane Harvey	Librarian 3
Jean Hudspeth	Librarian 3
Mrs. Barbara Jones	Clerk 1
Delilah Jones	Clerk-Typist 1
Mrs. Katherine McCardle	Clerk 1
Mrs. Carolyn Morgan	Clerk 2
Mrs. Jo Ann Nipper	Clerk 1
Mrs. Elaine Owens	Clerk 3
Mrs. Jane Richardson	Clerk 2
Karen Rodgers	Clerk-Typist 2
Mrs. Dorothea Wells	Clerk 3
Library Development	
Thomas F. Jaques	Assistant Director
Construction	
Mrs. Kathryn Burt	Clerk-Typist 3
Mrs. Sadie DuVall	Library Consultant Buildings & Equipment
Robert Grady	Library Technician Buildings & Equipment
Mrs. Jean McKinley	Clerk 3
Simmie H. Roberts	Library Consultant 2
General Services	
Mrs. Bettye Broome	Library Consultant 2
Mrs. Mary Yoakum	Secretary 4

Institutional Services	
Wilanna Bennett	Library Consultant 2
Mrs. Joan Evans	Library Consultant 2
Mrs. Frances Koch	Librarian 1
Suzette Montgomery	Library Consultant 1
Rachel Winters	Library Consultant 2
Special Services	
Linda Gates	Library Consultant 3
Mrs. Willie Dee Gharst	Librarian 4
Gail Ann Marks	Library Technician
Mrs. Madel Morgan	Library Consultant 2

The departmental structure of the Commission is organized by divisions as shown above. The individual reports of these divisions follow.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

The development and growth of libraries is the Mississippi Library Commission's primary concern. The Library Development Division is in constant contact with librarians, library boards and local officials concerning construction, remodeling, and furnishing of buildings. Personnel appointments and problems, new and ongoing library programs, budgeting and finance are all brought to the attention of Library Development consultants in all stages of planning, development and evaluation. This division collects and publishes annual reports from public libraries and advises on personnel and per capita grants and grants for special service demonstrations.

GRANTS

A. Personnel Grants to Local Libraries

Once again, one of the most significant steps toward meeting the objectives of the Library Commission's Long Range Program in FY 1975 was the continued funding by the legislature of the Personnel Grants Program.

This program has done much to insure that qualified librarians are employed in the public libraries of the state, even in those libraries previously unable to afford professional salaries. Both the quality of local service and the effectiveness of the state library agency have been enhanced by employment of professional librarians in local libraries.

The policies set by MLC in administration of the program are steps toward uniformity in qualifications for librarians and in the equality of salaries across the state. The table on page 7 lists those libraries receiving state personnel grants in FY 1975, the potential population to be served by each, and the amount of the grant.

TABLE I

STATISTICAL DATA FOR LIBRARY SYSTEMS PARTICIPATING IN PERSONNEL GRANTS PROGRAM, FY 1975

Name of Library	Location	Type of Organiaztion	Population	Amount of Grant
Bolivar County Library	Cleveland	County	49,409	$ 24,640
Clarksdale Public Library	Clarksdale	City-County	40,447	23,128
Copiah-Jefferson Regional Lib.	Hazlehurst	Multi-County	34,044	11,760
Dixie Regional Library	Pontotoc	Multi-County	31,986	13,294
East MS Regional Library	Quitman	Multi-County	47,693	17,948
First Regional Library	Hernando	Multi-County	117,293	54,048
Greenwood-Leflore Pub. Lib.	Greenwood	County	42,111	24,080
Harrison County Library	Gulfport	City-County	79,926	63,154
Hattiesburg Public Library	Hattiesburg	City-County	57,849	27,474
Jackson-George Regional Lib.	Pascagoula	Multi-County	100,434	40,320
Jackson Metropolitan Lib. Sys.	Jackson	City-County	358,764	192,220
Judge George W. Armstrong Lib.	Natchez	City-County	37,293	12,600
Kemper-Newton Regional Lib.	Union	Multi-County	29,216	14,533
Laurel-Jones County Library	Laurel	County	56,357	17,136
Lee-Itawamba Libraries	Tupelo	Multi-County	62,995	42,538
Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional Library System	Brookhaven	Multi-County	45,346	22,254
Lowndes County Library	Columbus	County	49,700	28,688
Madison County Library	Canton	County	29,737	11,760
Marion-Jefferson Davis Regional Lib. Sys.	Columbia	Multi-County	35,807	11,760
Marshall County Library	Holly Springs	County	26,770	10,640
Meridian Public Library	Meridian	Municipal	67,087	43,751
Mid-Mississippi Regional Lib.	Kosciusko	Multi-County	77,376	33,936
Northeast Regional Library	Corinth	Multi-County	85,609	41,640
Oktibbeha County Library	Starkville	County	28,752	10,640
Pearl River County Library	Picayune	County	27,802	11,760
Pike-Amite Library System	McComb	Multi-County	45,519	20,346
Pine Forest Regional Library	Richton	Multi-County	54,922	21,168
Ricks Memorial Library	Yazoo City	Multi-County	38,978	23,520
Sunflower County Lib. Sys.	Sunflower	County	25,149	23,072
Tombigbee Regional Library	West Point	Multi-County	71,370	30,864
Washington County Library	Greenville	City-County	70,581	40,824
		TOTAL	1,926,322	$965,496

B. Per Capita Grants

Per Capita Grants were awarded by MLC to 15 multi-county library systems in 1975 at the rate of .05 per capita. Table II lists the libraries receiving cash per capita grants.

TABLE II

CASH PER CAPITA GRANTS AWARDED TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES, FY 1975

Library System	Population*	Amount of Grant
Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library	34,044	$ 1,702.20
Dixie Regional Library	31,986	1,599.30
First Regional Library	117,293	5,864.65
Jackson-George Library System	100,434	5,021.70
Jackson Metropolitan Library System	358,764	17,938.20
Kemper-Newton Regional Library	29,216	1,460.80
Lee-Itawamba Libraries	62,995	3,149.75
Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional	45,346	2,267.30
Marion-Jefferson Davis Library	35,807	1,790.35
Mid-Mississippi Regional Library	77,376	3,868.80
Northeast Regional Library	85,609	4,280.45
Pike-Amite Library System	45,519	2,275.95
Pine Forest Regional Library	54,922	2,746.10
Ricks Memorial Library (Serving Yazoo, Sharkey, Issaquena Counties)	38,978	1,948.90
Tombigbee Regional Library	71,370	3,568.55
TOTALS	1,189,659	$ 59,483.00

*Based on 1970 Census

C. Table III lists other cash grants to local libraries.

TABLE III

GRANTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EQUIPMENT AWARDED TO LOCAL LIBRARIES, FY 1975

Library	Type of Grant	Amount	TOTAL
Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Library System	Development	$ 3,018.34	
Sunflower	Development	500.00	
			$ 3,518.34
Bolivar County Library	Equipment	10,600.00	
Copiah-Jefferson Library	Equipment	1,185.75	
Dixie Regional Library	Equipment	12,000.00	
East MS Regional Library	Equipment	594.00	
Holmes County Library	Equipment	2,500.00	
Judge George W. Armstrong Lib.	Equipment	4,000.00	
Kemper-Newton Regional Library	Equipment	366.40	
Pike-Amite Library System	Equipment	22,212.00	
Tallahatchie County Library	Equipment	1,185.75	
			$54,643.90

Addenda

TABLE IV

GRANTS FOR SERVICE TO THE DISADVANTAGED

Name of Library	Population	Amount of Grant
Clarksdale Public Library	40,447	$ 5,000
Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library	34,044	3,760
First Regional Library	117,293	3,761
Holmes County Library	23,120	3,761
Jackson Metropolitan Library System	358,764	3,761
Northeast Regional Library	85,609	3,761
TOTAL	659,277	$23,804

TABLE V

GRANTS FOR SERVICE TO INSTITUTIONS

Name of Library	Purpose	Amount of Grant
First Regional Library	Service to North Mississippi Retardation Center	$6,089
Judge George W. Armstrong Library (For Natchez Charity Hospital)	Service to Natchez General Hospital	1,800
Laurel Library Association	Service to South Mississippi State Hospital	680
		$8,569

TABLE VI

SUMMARY OF GRANTS FY 1975

Personnel Grants Program	$ 965,496.00
Per Capita Grants	59,483.00
Resources Development	3,518.34
Equipment	54,643.90
Service to the Disadvantaged	23,804.00
Service to Institutions	8,569.50
TOTAL	$1,115,514.74

Interns (continued)

NAME	COLLEGE	LIBRARY ASSIGNMENT
Farrar, Callie S.	MUW	Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional
Gasper, Linda	MUW	Pearl River County Library System
Hastings, Herbert S.	USM	Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library
Henderson, Susan	MSU	Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg
Hicks, Angela C.*	UM	Madison County-Canton Public Library
Irving, Margie	Belhaven	Tombigbee Regional Library
James, Martha*	USM	Meridian Public Library
Mansfield, Meg	MSU	First Regional Library
Mosley, Elizabeth P.	MSU	Oktibbeha County Library
Seward, Sylvia A.	USM	Jackson Metropolitan Library
Wimberly, Miriam*	DSU	Carnegie Public Library
Yates, Margaret	MSU	Greenwood-Leflore Public Library

*Salary paid by Governors office for Education and Training

READING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN - SUMMER '75

The 1975 statewide reading program for children was coordinated by MLC. Participating were 48 public libraries (including systems and county units), the Mailibrary, which provides mail service to 27 counties, the School for the Blind, Columbia and Oakley Training Schools, Ellisville State School and young patients at the University Hospital, East Mississippi State Hospital and Mississippi Crippled Children's Hospital. "All Patriots Great and Small " was the theme selected by a committee of public librarians in observation of the Bicentennial.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The Library Commission cooperated with the Mississippi Library Association in sponsoring National Library Week activities. Francis Lundy of Jackson was chairman of the State Citizens Committee and Mrs. Anice Powell of the Sunflower County Library was Executive Director.

LIBRARIES AND THE HUMANITIES

At the invitation of the National Endowment for the Humanities and in cooperation with Mississippi State University, the Library Commission submitted a proposal for a program entitled "Mississippi Writers in Context." This program will take place in the next fiscal year.

TABLE IV

Multi-County Library Systems as of June 30, 1975

1. First Regional Library - 1950
   Hdqrs.: Hernando

2. Northeast Regional Library - 1951
   Hdqrs.: Corinth

3. Tombigbee Regional Library - 1952
   Hdqrs.: West Point

4. Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional Library - 1955
   Hdqrs.: Brookhaven

5. Lee-Itawamba Libraries - 1957
   Hdqrs.: Tupelo

6. Pine Forest Regional Library - 1957
   Hdqrs.: Richton

7. Mid-Mississippi Regional Library - 1957
   Hdqrs.: Kosciusko

8. Dixie Regional Library - 1960
   Hdqrs.: Pontotoc

9. Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library - 1961
   Hdqrs.: Hazlehurst

10. Yazoo-Sharkey-Issaquena Library System - 1963
    Hdqrs.: Yazoo City

11. Pike-Amite Library System - 1965
    Hdqrs.: McComb

12. East Mississippi Regional Library - 1968
    Hdqrs.: Quitman

13. Kemper-Newton Regional Library System - 1969
    Hdqrs.: Union

14. Jackson-George Regional Library System - 1970
    Hdqrs.: Pascagoula

15. Marion-Jefferson Davis Regional Library System 1972
    Hdqrs.: Columbia

16. Jackson Metropolitan Library System - 1973
    Hdqrs.: Jackson

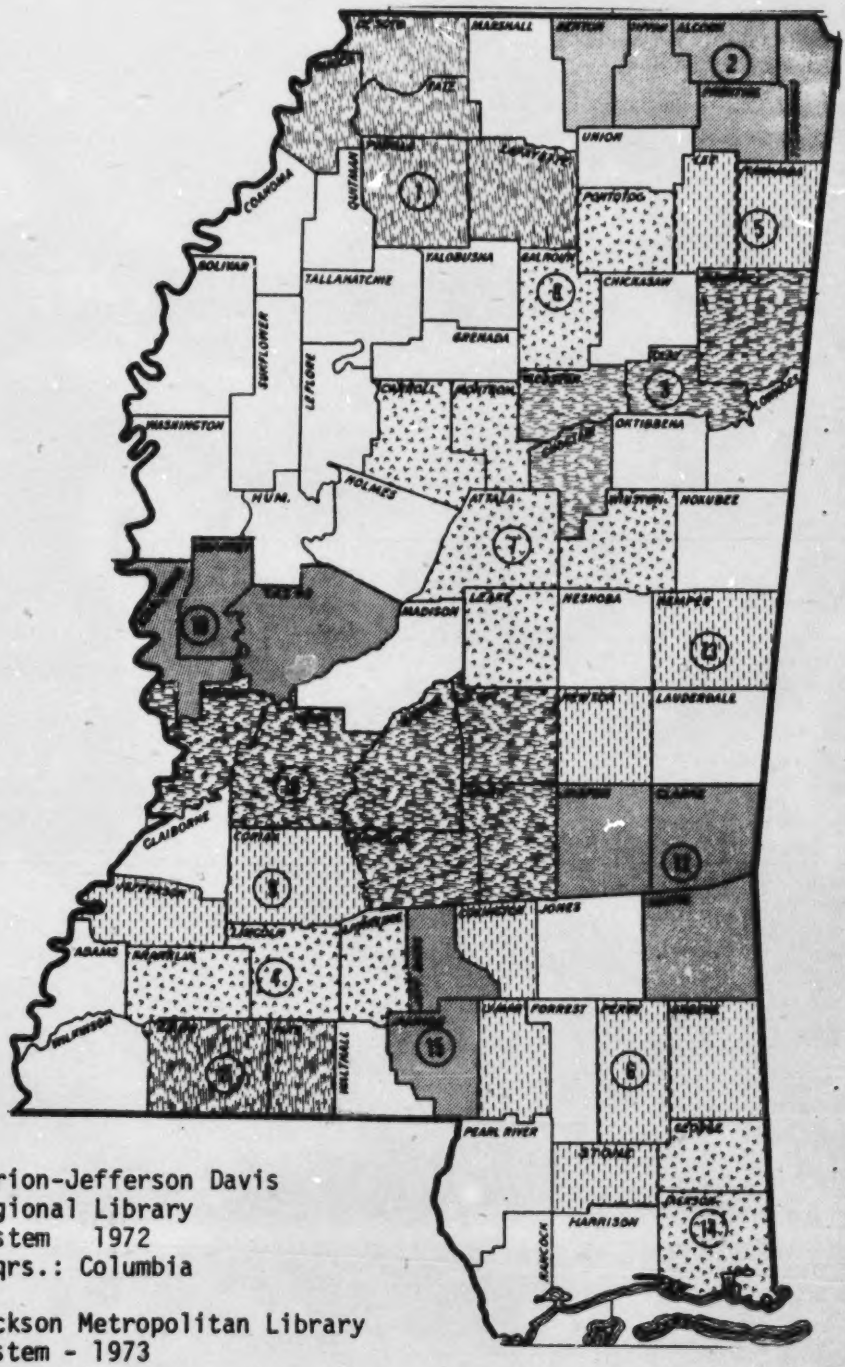


TABLE V

STATE INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARIES SERVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION

Institutions	Location	Service Initiation	Collection Established
Correctional			
Columbia Training School	Columbia	1965	1965
Oakley Training School	Raymond	1966	1967
Mississippi State Penitentiary	Parchman	1964	1965
Health Care			
Kuhn Memorial State Hospital	Vicksburg	1968	1969
Matty Hersee Hospital	Meridian	1968	1971
Mississippi State Sanatorium	Sanatorium	1968	1971
Natchez Charity Hospital	Natchez	1973	1975
South Mississippi State Hospital	Laurel	1969	1969
University Medical Center	Jackson	1967	1968
Mental			
East Mississippi State Hospital	Meridian	1968	1968
Mississippi State Hospital	Whitfield	1967	1968
Central Mississippi Retardation Center*	Whitfield	1969	1969
Ellisville State School	Ellisville	1968	1968
North Mississippi Retardation Center	Oxford	1975	1975
Physically Handicapped			
Mississippi School for the Blind	Jackson	1967	1967
Mississippi School for the Deaf	Jackson	1965	1965
Mississippi Crippled Children's Treatment & Training Center	Jackson	1968	1969

*This unit was a part of Mississippi State Hospital until made a separate institution July 1, 1974.

CONSTRUCTION

On July 1, 1964, the Library Services and Construction Act (P.L. 88-269) became effective, providing federal library construction funds to be matched at the local level for library buildings. Since that time 34 new or renovated libraries have been completed in Mississippi with another one now under construction. From 1969 to the present time there has been a severe decrease in LSCA Title II funds to the states, with no funds provided since the 1973 allocation which was impounded until 1974.

FISCAL 1974 PROJECT, LSCA, TITLE II - The total allocation for the State of Mississippi - $204,521 - was committed to the applicant next in line, City-County Public Library in Bay St. Louis. This is a combination county library system headquarters and city library of 10,000 square feet. Construction is well underway, with completion projected for early in 1976. The local funds are provided by Hancock County, the municipalities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, and the City-County Library Board.

The LSCA Title II program has not been funded since 1974, but that program has had a dramatic impact on library programs, adding new and important dimensions to library service. A sustained high level of interest in new libraries has continued, with applications for construction funds being filed with the Library Commission continually, indicating the need for matching funds from the Library Commission.

STATE REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION - Public library construction made giant steps in Mississippi during the past year due to State legislation enacted in April, 1974, providing $3 million in Revenue Sharing funds on a 50-50 state-local matching basis for library construction in Fiscal 1975. This action by Mississippi law-makers was hailed by citizens across the State and has enabled 31 "library-needy" towns to proceed with building new libraries. With libraries as one of the priority items for using Revenue Sharing funds, library advocates asked their legislators to consider House Bill 1356, which passed by a very large majority of votes, to provide for new libraries in the following towns: Ackerman, Belzoni, Booneville, Bruce, Burnsville, Columbia, Eupora, Jackson (branch), Leland, Liberty, Lucedale, Lumberton, Madison, Magee, Magnolia, Mendenhall, Monticello, Oxford, Philadelphia, Pontotoc, Sardis, Sebastopol, Senatobia, Taylorsville, Union, and Wiggins. The five following towns will have renovations and/or additions to existing libraries: Durant, Greenwood (branch), McComb, Moorhead and Shelby.

Under the Fiscal 1975 program, six towns are receiving the maximum of $200,000 allowed under the law. They are Booneville, Columbia, Jackson, Oxford, Philadelphia and Pontotoc. The size of each new library, ranging from 2,500 to 16,000 square feet, is determined by present population and needs projected for the next 15-20 years. All of the 31 projects are members of one of the State's county or multi-county library systems.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, TITLE I, LSCA - A significant amount of time was spent in helping to plan, equip, and open the following libraries:

TOWN	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	DEDICATION DATE
Newton	New	August 1, 1974
Tunica	New	August 11, 1974
West	Renovation	September 29, 1974
Sumrall	New	October 6, 1974
Scooba	New	November 16, 1974
Orange Grove	Renovation	December 7, 1974
McNeill	Renovation	January 18, 1975
Victoria Park, Laurel	New	May 3, 1975
Belzoni	New	June 22, 1975

The Construction Department assisted librarians throughout the state in various details of maintaining, improving, or extending library service through equipment planning and maximum use of library space. This work involved making inspection trips, submitting recommendations to library trustees, ordering and installing equipment, moving equipment, etc. in the following towns: Tylertown, Wayeland, Burnsville, Corinth, Iuka, Holly Springs, Grenada, Magnolia, McNeill, Waynesboro, Brookhaven (Redmond Branch), Fulton, Greenville, Jackson (South Hills, White Rock Road, and Albemarle branches), Eupora, Canton, Sebastopol, Lucedale, Wiggins, Newton, Flora, Harrisville, Columbia, Magee, Mendenhall, Bruce, Madison, Marietta, Isola, Hattiesburg, Meridian (East Mississippi Hospital), Ellisville State School, Lumberton, Forest, Florence, Osyka, Gulfport, Kosciusko, and Tupelo.

SPECIAL PROJECTS - The Construction Department also worked with the following state agencies and organizations in planning library facilities: Mississippi Geological Survey, St. Dominic's Hospital, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, and Research and Development Center (Information Services Division).

LIBRARY OPERATIONS

The Library Operations Division includes Information Services, Technical Services, and Service for the Handicapped as well as Resources Development.

INFORMATION SERVICES

The purposes of the Information Services department are to:

1. Serve as a back-up reference/resource center for public libraries for materials and information unavailable in local libraries and system headquarters

2. Serve as a reference/resource center of public library material for academic, special, and school libraries

3. Serve as a connecting link between public and academic or special libraries for interlibrary loan

4. Serve as the source of interlibrary loan information to public libraries

5. Maintain a collection of infrequently used materials (Book Pool)

The department serves as the hub of an interlibrary loan network of public, academic, and special libraries. On a regular basis this network includes:

45 Public library administrative units, called on a twice-weekly schedule via outgoing Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS)

11 Junior colleges once weekly via WATS

3 State universities via teletype

The Information Services Division of the Research and Development Center via local telephone and teletype

Public and private colleges in the Jackson area via local telephone

An after hours collect line (Code-A-Phone) is available to public and junior college network members to record rush requests.

In addition to telephone/teletype communication, libraries request via mail. Five public libraries use mail exclusively.

Students and teachers in public and private schools channel requests through local public libraries.

The Mississippi Library Commission pays the monthly rental charges for teletype equipment for the three state universities and the Information Services Division, Mississippi Research and Development Center. In return these four libraries, upon request from the Library Commission, mail books

directly to public and junior college libraries on interlibrary loan. Out-of-state toll charges are paid by the library in which the teletype equipment is located.

A list of libraries participating in the network follows:

Public Libraries via WATS, Code-A-Phone, and Mail

1. Bolivar County Library
2. Carnegie Public Library, Clarksdale
3. City-County Public Library, Bay St. Louis
4. Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library
5. Dixie Regional Library
6. East Mississippi Regional Library
7. Elizabeth Jones Library
8. First Regional Library
9. Greenwood-Leflore Public Library
10. Harrison County Library System
11. Hattiesburg Public Library
12. Henry M. Seymour Library
13. Holmes County Library
14. Humphreys County Library
15. Jackson-George Regional Library
16. Jackson Metropolitan Library System
17. Jennie Stephens Smith Library
18. Judge George W. Armstrong Library
19. Kemper-Newton Regional Library
20. Laurel Library Association
21. Lee-Itawamba Regional Library
22. Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional Library
23. Lowndes County Library
24. Madison County-Canton Public Library
25. Marion-Jefferson Davis Regional Library
26. Marks-Quitman County Library
27. Marshall County Library
28. Meridian Public Library
29. Mid-Mississippi Regional Library
30. Neshoba County Library
31. Northeast Regional Library
32. Okolona Carnegie Library
33. Oktibbeha County Library
34. Pearl River County Library System
35. Pike-Amite Regional Library
36. Pine Forest Regional Library
37. Ricks Memorial Library
38. Sunflower County Library

Public Libraries via Mail Only

Coffeeville Public Library
Harriette Person Memorial Library
Houston Carnegie Library
Noxubee County Library
Oakland Public Library

Junior Colleges via WATS and Mail

1. Coahoma Junior College
2. East Mississippi Junior College
3. Holmes Junior College
4. Jones County Junior College
5. Mary Holmes Junior College
6. Meridian Junior College
7. Mississippi Delta Junior College
8. Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, Perkinston Campus
9. Northwest Mississippi Junior College
10. Southwest Junior College
11. Utica Junior College

Universities via Teletype

Mississippi State University
University of Mississippi
University of Southern Mississippi

Other State Agency Libraries via Local Telephone

Department of Archives and History
Educational Media Services, State Department of Education
State Board of Health Library
Department of Public Welfare Library
State (Law) Library
Rowland Medical Library, University Medical Center

Other Jackson Area Public and Private Academic Libraries via Local Telephone

Hinds Junior College
Jackson State University
Millsaps College
Mississippi College

Information Services Department recorded receipt of 29,988 requests in Fiscal Year 1975. Of these 24,251 were Author/title requests; 5,737 were Subject requests. Received via WATS and Code-A-Phone were 24,553 requests; mail and local telephone requests totaled 5,435. Filled were 21,725 requests; unfilled were 8,103.

Requests were counted as unfilled if no information or material was mailed. The unfilled requests include 2,777 Author/title requests with instructions to check the MLC catalog only and 1,027 requests for in-print fiction not owned by MLC.

The statistics indicate a decline from the previous year of 1.021% in the number of requests received, but an increase of 8% in the percentage of requests filled. See Table VI for comparative figures.

Other Departmental Responsibilities

In addition to its primary reference and interlibrary loan function, the Information Services Department also:

1. Recommends books, magazines, newspapers and audio-visual materials for purchase.
2. Receives, books, circulates, and maintains a 16mm film collection.
3. Assists in professional research for MLC staff.
4. Assists in weeding the collection.
5. Circulates library materials on both Short-Term and Long-Term Loan.
6. Maintains shelves of library books.
7. Assists in assembling, listing, and mailing childrens books in the Book Examination Circuit.
8. Selects, orders, processes, and makes available for use both state and federal government documents.
9. Maintains files of magazines, journals and newspapers.
10. Attempts to locate books unavailable through usual network channels.
11. Collects and assembles materials from each of the state agencies for the Mississippi section of the annual STATESMAN'S YEARBOOK.
12. Delivers mail, supplies, and "rush" material to other MLC departments.

TABLE VI

REQUESTS FOR BOOKS AND INFORMATION RECEIVED AND FILLED - FISCAL YEARS 1971 - 1975

FY	RECEIVED			FILLED		
	Author/ Title	Subject	Total	Author/ Title	Subject	Total
1975	24,251	5,737	29,988	15,711	6,014	21,725
1974	24,802	5,816	30,618	14,356	5,190	19,546
1973	19,955	4,943	24,898	14,254	5,144	19,398
1972	19,448	4,546	23,994	11,386	4,773	16,159
1971	19,472	5,135	24,607	13,507	5,636	19,143

SELF-STUDY/EVALUATION - In January-March, 1975, this department undertook an extensive self-study/evaluation, with concentration on the efficiency and effectiveness of the WATS reference, interlibrary loan service.

NEEDS

The primary needs of the department are:

1. Adequate stack, work, and office space in a building which (a) is designed and built as a library, (b) is shared with all other departments of the parent agency, (c) is conveniently located for use by employees of other state agencies, and (d) has adequate space for both optimum utilization of the present collection and the expected growth of both the collection and the staff.

2. Sufficient storage equipment for non-book materials such as films and microforms.

3. Additional clerical support for professional positions: (a) a film clerk/technician, (b) a secretary for the department head, (c) clerical assistance for the Recorder of Documents.

4. At least one additional professional position -- a documents librarian.

CONTINUING THE MLC BOOK POOL - Storage of seldom used but sometimes very important books continues to be of great benefit to the Library Commission's reference service. Because this collection is made up of many out of print or difficult to locate titles, it is viewed as a major strength in the development of the Commission's resources. Libraries from all parts of the state are encouraged to take advantage of both storing and making use of the MLC Book Pool.

Securing Up-to-Date and Suitable Equipment

The Following Equipment was Purchased in Fiscal 75:

Pulsar film Cleaner & Conditioner	1	$ 7,595.25
#MF11 - A Watson Microfilm Storage Cabinet	2	1,167.81
#1831 Folding Machine	1	435.00
Patch Telephone Unit	1	189.50
Dennison Copier	1	644.00
S-22 Secretarial Chair	1	44.98
Book Trucks	2	221.34
Addressograph Plate Storage Cabinet	1	408.22
Book Return Box	1	35.00
Cassette Player	1	43.40
Kodak Slide Projector	1	197.55
Cassette Recorder & Player	1	62.96
Desk Box Drawer	1	14.03
S-22 Secretarial Chair	3	114.87
G. F. Storage Cabinet	1	185.84

Typing Table	2	62.60
15 Drawer Card Catalog Cabinet & Base	1	240.87
Book Truck	4	278.07
Book Truck	1	67.89
4 Drawer File, Storage Cabinet	2	243.70
Arm Chair	2	50.05
Correcting Selectric Typewriter	1	630.00
Republic Steel Shelving	1	373.77
Remington Shelving (Shelves)	28	201.80
Selectric Typewriter	1	594.00
Microfilm Cabinets	3	1,292.85
Sharp Electric Calculator	1	311.25
2 Drawer Lateral File	1	161.70
Chesley Mail Cart	1	113.89
Selectric II Typewriter	1	594.00
Adler Typewriter	1	553.50
Reader Printer	1	2,533.00
Portable Slide Show (R/Screen)	2	314.86
Telescreen W/Stand	1	22.45
		$ 20,000.00

PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIAL - The MLC book collection was increased by 16,311 items during the year. Of these, 13,339 books were purchased, 2,884 were gifts, and 88 were reinstatements. Withdrawn from the collection were 7,079 books. At the end of FY 1975, MLC's total book collection was 378,339. The film collection was expanded to the total of 247, with the addition of 50 films. Periodicals on microfilm were purchased, almost completing MLC's collection of magazines indexed in Reader's Guide. In addition, magazines included in other indexes, such as Popular Periodicals Index, were received.

BATAB - In January 1975, the Library Commission began Batab, a program of automated purchase of library materials. It was necessary that MLC's Technical Services staff be capable of preparing orders and other input in machine readable form, and then of using the computer print-outs of various reports. Formal instruction in these techniques was held in December 1974.

Batab supplies the Resources Development section of MLC with the following reports concerning orders:

Open Order Reports - listings of current orders for the Fiscal Year replacing the card file previously maintained.

Fund Status Report - entries for funds by categories and types of materials, giving amounts paid, encumbered, and available.

Selection lists - entries can be keyed to be included on special lists of various kinds, including types of materials, prepublications, and standing orders.

These reports are broken down by individual library orders and MLC orders.

Also used in the ordering process are other reports, such as the Vendor Directory. The potential in the total utilization of these reports is still being explored and has not been fully realized.

MLC general collection expenditures in approximate round numbers:

Books		$ 81,780
Periodical total		37,000
Current Subscriptions	$ 14,000	
Microfilm	23 000	
Recordings		340
Films		10,000
	TOTAL	$ 129,120

TECHNICAL SERVICES

MLC's Centralized Processing Center provides standardized ordering and cataloging of books and audio-visual materials for 26 public libraries (serving 40 counties), 7 state agencies (including the Library Commission), and 13 state institutions. Table VII gives a breakdown on the number of items that were processed through the Center in 1975. Table VIII, a map, shows the wide distribution of service by the Center.

SERVICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The federal program for library service to blind and later other physically handicapped citizens was established by an act of Congress in 1931. A pioneer in "mailibrary" and "outreach," the program was conceived and operated in the tradition of free library service. In 1970, the Mississippi Library Commission assumed responsibility for administering library service to the handicapped in Mississippi. In the belief that "Reading can be for everyone," this department works with cooperating public libraries and institutions to reach and serve physically handicapped Mississippians.

During fiscal year 1975 an estimated 4,155 people received service from this department, an increase of 787 over the previous year. The estimated total number of visually impaired served is 2,922; the estimated number with other physical handicaps is 1,233.

Individuals served through public libraries numbered 3,025. Of these, 2,696 could not read conventional print because of visual disabilities and 329 had other physical handicaps which prevented them from using ordinary books.

The chart below shows the proportions in which individual patrons used the reading formats during Fiscal Year 1975.

FORMATS	PATRONS*
Talking Books	2,947
Braille	201
Open Reel Tape	63
Cassette	844

*Many patrons used more than one format.

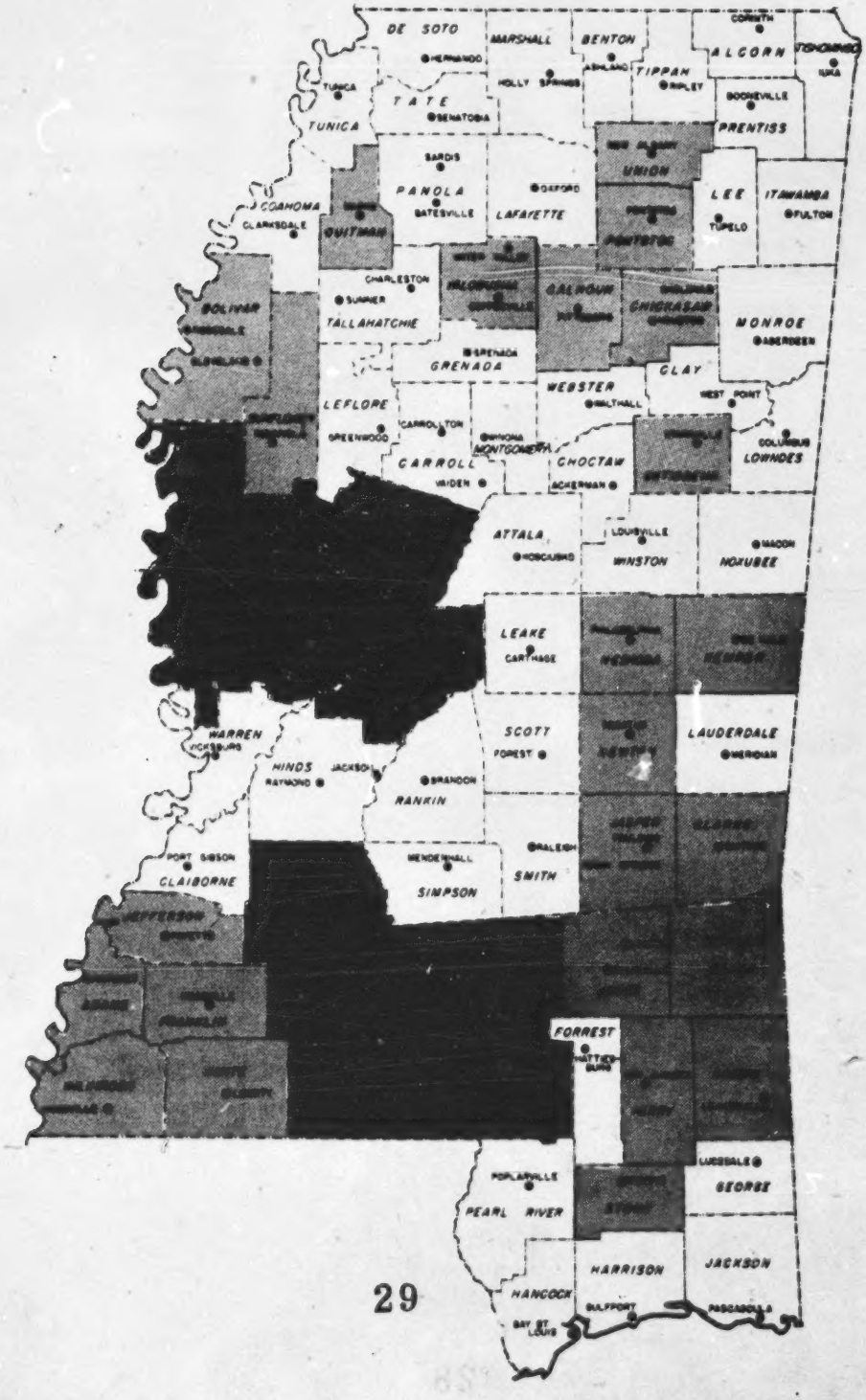
TABLE VII

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION TECHNICAL SERVICES
Books & Audio-Visual Materials Processed During Fiscal Year July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975

PUBLIC LIBRARIES	BOOKS		AV	
Bolivar County Library	3,551			
Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library	1,499		3	
Dixie Regional Library	930			
East Mississippi Regional Library	826			
Holmes County Library	980			
Humphreys County Library	230			
George W. Armstrong Library	3,577			
Jennie S. Smith Library	1,736			
Kemper-Newton Regional Library	1,206			
Laurel Library Association	1,385			
Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional Lib.	3,111			
Madison County Library	2,577		13	
Marshall County Library	799			
Neshoba County Library	76			
Oakland Public Library	7			
Oktibbeha County Library	740			
Pike-Amite Library System	2,683			
Pine Forest Regional Library	2,761			
Quitman County Library	1,258		30	
Shelby Memorial Library	885			
Sunflower County Library	878			
Walthall County Library	206			
Washington County Library	658			
Water Valley Public Library	67			
Wilkinson County Library	447			
Yazoo-Sharkey-Issaquena Regional Lib.	2,342	TOTAL - 35,415	59	TOTAL - 105
STATE AGENCIES				
Dept. of Public Welfare Library	156			
Educational Media Services	465			
Geology Library	451			
Law Library	9			
Services for the Handicapped	18			
Wildlife Museum	23	TOTAL - 1,122		
INSTITUTIONS				
Columbia Training School	362			
Deaf Schools	313			
East MS State Hospital	274		10	
Ellisville State School	123		95	
Institutions	324		14	
Kuhn	74			
Matty Hersee School of Nursing	29		1	
MS State Hospital	297		39	
MS Crippled Childrens Center (Cerebral)	103		16	
Oakley Training School	495			
Penitentiary	400			
South MS State Hospital	43			
University Hospital	156		13	
Title IV B	114	TOTAL - 3,107	2	TOTAL - 190
MLC	12,623		501	
GRAND TOTALS	52,267		796	
COMBINED GRAND TOTALS		53,063		

TABLE VIII

COUNTIES IN WHICH THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES WERE SERVED BY THE CENTRALIZED PROCESSING CENTER DURING FISCAL 1975.



Approximately 1,130 patrons were served through 113 institutions during the fiscal year, an estimated 10 patrons per institution. Of these, 226 are estimated to be visually impaired and 904 are estimated to have other handicaps.

The bulk of the collection is provided by the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Patrons draw on a collection of 39,279 books, an increase of 4,967 over fiscal year 1974. 31,663 are on phonograph records, 2,167 are in Braille, 1,314 are on open reel tape and 4,135 are on cassette tape. Only a small rotating collection of large print books is maintained since large print books are distributed primarily by public libraries. Circulation figures for 1975 are shown on Table IX.

Book and periodical circulation increased from 88,473 in fiscal year 1974 to 92,662 in fiscal year 1975. These figures do not include periodicals circulated to Mississippians by national distributors. The Periodicals Section arranges for subscriptions, changes of address and cancellations of periodicals mailed by national distributors.

The Service for the Handicapped receives invaluable assistance from a volunteer group, the Telephone Pioneers of Mississippi. The Pioneers are a service organization of telephone company employees, retired or with at least twenty-one years of service, who have adopted many projects to help the handicapped. They repair talking book machines, cassette players and cassette tapes for readers throughout Mississippi, often delivering and demonstrating the equipment. In the Jackson area alone during FY 1975 these dedicated volunteers gave 2,098 hours of their time and traveled 12,167 miles in delivering and demonstrating talking book machines and cassette players to blind and physically handicapped persons.

WORKSHOPS - FISCAL YEAR 1975

As an important part of its services to library personnel and trustees, the Library Commission promotes, sponsors and encourages workshops which provide continuing education and practical information on improving service. The 1975 workshops are listed below.

August 15, 1974	Reading Program Planners. Children's Services Librarians reviewed effective programs for children and made plans for Summer Reading 1975.
September 26, 1974	Reading Is Our Business - This workshop was for school and public librarians. It was co-sponsored by MLC and the State Department of Education's Educational Media Services.
November 13-14,1974	Workshop for Library Administrators to study annual report forms, personnel grants, automation of technical services, and target activities of MLC's long range plan.
October 24-25, 1974-Coahoma County January 28-29, 1975-Hinds County February 11-12, 1975-Tunica County February 13-14, 1975-Prentiss County March 18-19, 1975-Holmes County March 20-21, 1975-Jefferson County	Workshops of Service to the Disadvantaged. Conducted jointly by staff from Appalachian Adult Education Center and MLC.

SERVICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED TABLE IX
CIRCULATION STATISTICS July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975

Books & Periodicals*	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	TOTAL
Talking Book Containers	6,481	6 881	6,030	6,846	6,022	6,546	7,773	6,823	7,248	7,259	6,885	6,971	81,765
Braille Volumes	226	253	223	306	258	161	315	229	192	185	187	215	2,750
Magnetic Tape Containers	40	33	17	30	23	23	29	32	27	33	31	40	358
Cassette Containers	489	467	443	567	488	561	684	644	619	766	737	769	7,234
Large Print Volumes	45	52	40	54	45	39	69	39	45	40	35	52	555
TOTAL	7,281	7,686	6,753	7,803	6,836	7,330	8,870	7,767	8,131	8,283	7,875	8,047	92,662

*The magazines sent directly to patrons by the national distributors are not included in these statistics.

Workshops (continued)

December 17, 1974	Workshop on Humanities and the Public Library.
December 5-6, 1974	Conference on Cooperative Library Automation in Mississippi for public, school, academic and special librarians.
January 9, 1975	Seminar for Local Chairmen, National Library Week, and librarians.
April 8-9, 1975	Library Administrators Conference and LSCA Advisory Council.
June 9-10, 1975	Orientation workshop for library interns and librarians new to the state.
July 31, 1974 October 3, 1974 March 12, 1975 June 12, 1975	Workshops for Institutional Librarians.

GOVERNORS CONFERENCES

During FY 1975 the Library Commission conducted resource centers for four governors conferences and prepared bibliographies for distribution to conference participants. These conferences were: Children First, September 11-12, 1974, Jackson; and a series of three conferences on Parenthood Education at Hattiesburg, Greenwood and Jackson in April and May, 1975.

INSTITUTES AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY COMMISSION STAFF MEMBERS

In other efforts to develop an informed and capable staff the Board of Commissioners utilized every opportunity to encourage self-improvement of staff members. Attendance at professional meetings has been one of the most effective means of making staff members more cognizant of the latest trends in the field. During the past year staff members and board members participated in the following meetings:

July 5-14, 1974	American Library Association meeting, New York New York. Attending: Peggy May, assistant director, Library Development; Jack Mulkey, consultant; Bronwyn Bowen, information specialist; Johanne Bryant, head, Technical Services; Mary Love, director; Dr. Sara S. Hederman, chairman, Board of Commissioners - Amount $2,115.65
August 20-22, 1974	Automation Evaluation at Washington State Library, Olympia, Washington. Attending: Gerald Buchanan, assistant director, Library Operations. - Amount $399.56
November 11, 1974	Adult Basic Education Workshop, Memphis, Tennessee. Attending: Jack Mulkey, consultant. - Amount - $60.06

September 24-25, 1974	Regional meeting of state library agency heads, Library Services and Construction Act, Atlanta, Georgia. Attending: Mary Love, director; Thomas F. Jaques, consultant - Amount $236.07
October 15-19, 1974	Southeastern Library Association Meeting, Richmond, Virginia. Attending: Thomas F. Jaques, consultant; Jack Mulkey, consultant; Mary Love, director; Madel Morgan, consultant; Mrs. Robert Powers, member, Board of Commissioners. - Amount $1,097.08
November 24-26, 1974	Meeting of Chief of State Library Agencies, Atlanta, Georgia. Attending: Mary Love, director - Amount $178.23
January 19-25, 1975	American Library Association Mid-winter meeting, Chicago, Illinois. Attending: Jack Mulkey, assistant director, administration. - Amount $333.44
February 18-19, 1975	Meeting of Library Services and Construction Act regional officials for orientation purposes, Atlanta, Georgia. Attending: Jack Mulkey, assistant director, administration. - Amount $119.22
March 7-8, 1975	Workshop for Anglo American Cataloging Rules revision, Tallahassee, Florida. Attending: Geraldine W. Harrison, assistant head, Technical Services.- Amount $194.41
April 13-16 1975	Meeting regarding Automation for Mississippi. Washington, D.C. Attending: Mary Love, director. - Amount $315.93
April 20-24, 1975	Conference for the Librarians for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (Second Biennial Southern Conference) East Point, Georgia. Attending: Zelda Davis, head, Service to the Handicapped. - Amount $194.51
May 4-5, 1975	Conference of State Agency heads, Washington D.C. Attending: Mary Love, director - Amount $262.71
June 27-29, 1975	American Library Association meeting, San Francisco, California. Attending: Mary Love, director, Gerald Buchanan, assisant director, Library Operations; Mrs. Robert Powers and Mrs Doris Boyer, members, Board of Commissioners. - Amount $1,078.88

PUBLICATIONS

The Mississippi Library Commission issues three newsletters:
(quarterly) Here's What's Happening - Institutional Libraries
(quarterly) Reading Light - Service to the Handicapped
(monthly) The Packet - general library newsletter

MULP

MISSISSIPPI UNION LIST OF PERIODICALS is an outgrowth of the Mississippi Library Commission's continuing efforts to encourage co-operation among all types of libraries.

In early 1974, the Mississippi Library Commission called for grant proposals in the area of interlibrary cooperation. Shortly thereafter, the Gulfport-Harrison County Library, in Gulfport, Mississippi, submitted a proposal for a union list of periodical holdings of libraries in southern Mississippi. When the Mississippi Library Commission suggested the expansion of the project to include the entire State, and the Gulfport-Harrison County Library accepted this expanded project, the Mississippi Union List of Periodicals project was born, with a grant of $51,293 from Library Services and Construction Act, Title III, funds.

Actual work on MULP began in September, 1974 with the employment of the editor. The deadline for the project was identified as June 30, 1975, and the work was completed and published by that time. Among the participating libraries that furnished lists of their periodical holdings were 37 university, college and junior college libraries, 27 public libraries and 18 special libraries. The 227-page publication will be of invaluable aid to students, business men and industrialist, scholars and persons engaged in general research who need information from professional journals, magazines or newsletters.

VEHICLES

Vehicles owned by the Mississippi Library Commission are used for the following purposes:

1. Temporary loans to local libraries
   a. to use locally until their capital outlay funds can be built up sufficiently to buy their own
   b. to enable the local officials to determine whether mobile library service is feasible for their area
   c. to demonstrate what modern library service is

2. Haul basic collections of books and pieces of furniture and equipment to the new and renovated public libraries of the state.

BOOKMOBILES	COST OF OPERATION
1965 International Bookmobile	$ 11.15
1965 International Bookmobile	592.07
1963 Ford Econoline Van	329.20
1965 Plymouth Station Wagon	298.59
1967 Chevrolet Station Wagon	192.45
1968 Chevrolet Bookmobile	522.46
1968 Chevrolet Bookmobile	889.07
1968 Chevrolet Station Wagon	383.67
1973 Chevrolet Station Wagon	1,399.56
1974 Chevrolet Carry-all	1,210.18
1974 Chevrolet Station Wagon	364.33
Total Cost of Operation of all Vehicles	$ 6,192.73
Total Cost of Travel in Privately Owned Vehicles	$ 4,396.76